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Examiner: **SAN MARTIN, Edgardo**

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For: **ENGINE MUFFLER AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME**

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

May 27, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 27, 2003 please amend the above identified application as follows:

**IN THE ABSTRACT:**

Delete the current Abstract and replace with the attached substitute Abstract.

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**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Replace the paragraph beginning on page 5 at line 1 with the following:

*A2* The sound absorbing material 4 is formed of a plurality of kinds of sound absorbing materials 4a-4c having different properties in heat-resistance and sound absorbing capability multilayered in the direction of thickness. In the case shown in the figure, a sound absorbing material 4a formed of a heat-resisting material such as stainless wool is arranged on the outer periphery of the internal tube 2, and a sound absorbing material 4b formed of a heat-resisting material such as glass wool that